question that has been answered is only a part of a big question which has been split up in a meaningless manner. If the other parts also were put in for answer, the whole thing could have been explained by the official member. That is why the official member now claims notice.

Purchase of a lathe for the Observatory.

57. ❋ **Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) whether they have purchased a lathe for use in the Observatory ; and, if so, when, at what cost and for what purpose ; and

(*b*) whether that machine is now (13-7-1934) being used for private job works ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes. In Karkatakam 1103, for Rs 400 to turn screws and to make minor accessories for the instruments in the Observatory.

(*b*) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether there is sufficient work for the lathe in that department ?

Rao Sahib Dr N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there is any lathe machine in the P. W. D. Workshop attached to the Chief Engineer's Office ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: There may be.

Mechanic employed in the Observatory.

58 ❋ **Mr. M N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a mechanic employed in the Observatory ;

(*b*) if so, what is his pay and whether he has full time work in the Observatory ; and

(*c*) whether he is undertaking private job and, if so, whether he has the sanction of Government for that ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 20. Yes.

(*c*) No. The latter part of the question does not therefore arise.

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